



# Minute Challenge:

## How Many U.S. Representatives Does Your State Have?

### Warm-Up Activity



Apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives  
Based on the 2020 Census

#### Legend

- ☐ States with 10 or more U.S. representatives.
- ☐ States with 5 or fewer U.S. representatives.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau <[www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2021/dec/2020-apportionment-map.html](https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2021/dec/2020-apportionment-map.html)>.

**What is Apportionment?** Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states. The U.S. Constitution requires that a census (population count) be taken every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives.

Look at the map above and complete the following tasks.

- How many states have 20 or more U.S. representatives? \_\_\_\_\_. Choose a colored pencil or crayon and color them all the same color. Then, color the legend box next to "States with 10 or more U.S. representatives."
- How many states have 5 or fewer U.S. representatives? \_\_\_\_\_. Choose a different colored pencil or crayon and color them all the same color. Then, color the legend box next to "States with 5 or fewer U.S. representatives."
- How does the number of U.S. representatives for your state compare to nearby states?